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Public meeting and comment period set for former Frankford Arsenal

Baltimore, Md. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will host a public meeting Feb. 9, 2005, in Philadelphia, Pa., to discuss how USACE plans to protect the public from any potential unexploded/unstable munitions at the former Frankford Arsenal.

The meeting kicks off a 30-day public comment period and review of the draft Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis, or EE/CA, a decision document that contains recommendations for the response actions being considered for the former Frankford Arsenal, located at 5601 Tacony Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The meeting is scheduled from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at the Tacony Library, 6742 Torresdale Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. Corps officials will be available to answer questions about information in the EE/CA.

The EE/CA, includes a summary of the site history and site investigation results, a description of the site investigation, a risk evaluation, and an analysis of identified removal action alternatives. USACE will accept public comments through March 11, 2005 and will consider public comments when making a decision on the final response action.

The public is invited to view the document on-line at www.usaprojecthost.com.

The former Frankford Arsenal consists of 109.36 acres located at 5601 Tacony Street in Philadelphia. Construction began on the property when it was purchased in 1816, and a variety of activities took place at Frankford Arsenal, including the repair of artillery and infantry equipment, proving and testing musket and rifle powder, and general storage and distribution of small arms and ammunition, artillery and cavalry equipment. The property was sold to a private owner in 1977.